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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected to prosecute Group IV and the specific species with traverse. The traversal is made on the grounds that a search and examination of all of the species encompassed by the composition of claims 18-35 would not require an undue burden of searching. Having made this election, Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the nonelected claims.

Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for the indication that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claims as provided by 37 C.F.R. §1.141.

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